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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN MEDIATION EFFORT FOR VIETNAM

REF: JAKARTA 1514

FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FEBRUARY 4 FOR POSSIBLE
REFERENCE TO ALLEGATION OF INDONESIAN MEDIATION EFFORT
CITED REFTEL:

QUESTION: THERE ARE PRESS REPORTS TO EFFECT THAT
INDONESIANS HAVE LAUNCHED A DIPLOMATIC EFFORT TO GET
SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG TO ESTABLISH DEMARCATION
LINES IN SOUTH. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THIS, AND IS THIS
BEING DONE AT REQUEST OF U.S.?

ANSWER: I HAVE SEEN REPORTS BUT WE ARE NOT AWARE
OF ANY INDONESIAN ACTION IN THIS REGARD, NOR HAVE THEY
BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT
DEMARCATION IS A SUBJECT WHICH IS RESPONSIBILITY OF TWO
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PARTY COMMISSION IN SAIGON (GVN AND VC). MEETINGS

OF COMMISSION WERE SUSPENDED EIGHT MONTHS AGO BY
COMMUNISTS. AS THE SECRETARY NOTED YESTERDAY, U.S.
AND GVN ARE PREPARED TO SEE PEACE MAINTAINED ALONG
DEMARCATON LINES IN EFFECT AT TIME OF CEASEFIRE, BUT IT

IS COMMUNISTS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO AGREE TO SUCH
DEMARCATON AND TO DEPLOY TEAMS WHICH COULD ENSURE SUCH
DEMARCATON. KISSINGER

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